

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/814,348	BISSON ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Philip Gabler	3637	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Philip Gabler. (3) Blair Lanier.
 (2) James Hansen. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 19 September 2006.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: _____.


Identification of prior art discussed: Bitel (US Patent Number 4577773), Dunham (US Patent Number 3227504), Hollenstein (Swiss Patent Number 644742), and Kleinert (US Patent Number 4436215).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


JAMES O. HANSEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

 Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant initiated interview to discuss the claim rejections presented in the last office action and presented proposed amendments to the claims. The proposed amendments were reviewed and Examiner suggested that although the amendments helped to define the invention over the cited prior art, further structural limitations may need to be incorporated to overcome the rejections. Various limitations concerning the structure of the "blades" of the drawer partition were discussed to help define over the prior art.

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PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A fastening arrangement for fastening a partitioning wall between two support walls in a drawer, comprising:

a pair of elongated blades punched in adjacent ends the partitioning wall and ~~projecting sideways from the partitioning wall adjacent ends thereof~~ at a predetermined height of the partitioning wall, each blade comprising

a lower ramp surface defined between the partitioning wall and said predetermined height, wherein the lower ramp protrudes radially from the plane of the support wall along a horizontal axis, and

at least one portion extending vertically along a corresponding adjacent end of the partitioning wall ~~and comprising a lower ramp surface defined between the partitioning wall and said predetermined height;~~ and

opposite connecting elements respectively projecting from the support walls at heights matching with the height of the blades of the partitioning wall when the partitioning wall is in operative position between the support walls, the connecting elements having retaining channels in which the ends of the partitioning wall are uprightly slideably engageable, the retaining channels having opposite side locking lips forming guiding slots for passage of a section of the partitioning wall extending between the connecting elements, the ramp surfaces of the blades of the partitioning wall being shaped and sized for facilitating insertion of the blades in the retaining channels and for respectively and progressively press-fitting against inner sides of said channels behind the locking lips when the partitioning wall is in the operative position.

2. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 1, further comprising:
opposite support elements respectively projecting from the support walls at another height with respect to the connecting elements, the support elements respectively having guiding slots in which the ends of the partitioning wall are slideably engageable, the guiding slots of the support elements being aligned with the guiding slots of the retaining channels of the connecting elements.

3. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the connecting and support elements comprise longitudinal extrusions made in the support walls and projecting on a side thereof, the retaining channels and the guiding slots being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of respective ones of the connecting and support elements.

4. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the extrusions have substantially rounded upper and lower surfaces joining the support walls.

5. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the support elements extend below the connecting elements.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the blades extend directly at the ends of the partitioning wall.

8. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 1, comprising a seating flange projecting from a bottom end of the partitioning wall and extending laterally with respect thereto.

9. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 1, comprising an additional connecting element projecting from at least one of the support walls at a height matching with the height of the blades of the partitioning wall when the partitioning wall is in the operative position between the support walls, the additional connecting element being like the connecting element already made in said at least one of the support walls but projecting on a side of said at least one of the support walls opposite to a side on which the connecting element already made in said at least one of the support walls projects.

10. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 2, comprising an additional connecting element projecting from at least one of the support walls at a height matching with the height of the blades of the partitioning wall when the partitioning wall is in the operative position between the support walls, and an additional support element projecting from said at least one of the support walls at another height with respect to the additional connecting element, the additional connecting and support elements being respectively like the connecting and support elements already made in said at least one of the support walls but projecting on a side of said at least one of the support walls opposite to a side on which the connecting and support elements already made in said at least one of the support walls project.

11. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 10, wherein the connecting elements of said at least one of the support walls extend successively one above the other, and the support elements of said at least one of the support walls extend successively one above the other.

12. (Original) The fastening arrangement according to claim 11, wherein the connecting and support elements comprise longitudinal extrusions made in the support walls and projecting on respective sides thereof, the retaining channels being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of the connecting elements, the guiding slots of the support elements being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of the support elements.

13. (Currently Amended) A partitioning system for a drawer with at least two opposite support walls, comprising:

a at least a first partitioning wall having a pair of elongated blades punched in adjacent ends of the partitioning wall and ~~projecting sideways from the partitioning wall adjacent ends thereof~~ at a predetermined height ~~of the partitioning wall~~, each blade comprising

a lower ramp surface defined between the partitioning wall and said predetermined height, wherein the lower ramp protrudes radially from the plane of the support wall along a horizontal axis, and

at least one portion extending vertically along a corresponding adjacent end of the partitioning wall, ~~and comprising a lower ramp surface defined between the partitioning wall and said predetermined height;~~ and

connecting elements respectively projecting from the support walls at heights matching with the height of the blades of the partitioning wall when the partitioning wall is in operative position between the support walls, the connecting elements having retaining channels in which the ends of the partitioning wall are uprightly slideably engageable, the retaining channels having opposite side locking lips forming guiding slots for passage of a section of the partitioning wall extending between the connecting elements, the ramp surfaces of the blades of the partitioning

wall being shaped and sized for facilitating insertion of the blades in the retaining channels and for respectively and progressively press-fitting against inner sides of said channels behind the locking lips when the partitioning wall is in the operative position.

14. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 13, comprising:
opposite support elements respectively projecting from the support walls at another height with respect to the connecting elements, the support elements respectively having guiding slots in which the ends of the partitioning wall are slideably engageable, the guiding slots of the support elements being aligned with the guiding slots of the retaining channels of the connecting elements.

15. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 14, wherein the connecting and support elements comprise longitudinal extrusions made in the support walls and projecting on an inner side thereof, the retaining channels and the guiding slots being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of respective ones of the connecting and support elements.

16. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 14, wherein the support elements extend below the connecting elements.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 13, wherein the blades extend directly at the ends of the partitioning wall.

19. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 13, comprising a seating flange laterally projecting from a bottom end of the partitioning wall.

20. (Currently Amended) The partitioning system according to claim 14, wherein the first partitioning wall comprises connecting and support elements ~~like the connecting and support elements of the support walls, and the first partitioning wall forms forming a partitioning support wall for another a second partitioning wall~~

21. (Currently Amended) The partitioning system according to claim 20, wherein on the face of the partitioning support wall opposite the face of the first connecting and support elements, the partitioning wall comprises

an additional connecting element projecting from the partitioning wall at a height matching with the height of the blades of a second partitioning wall when the second partitioning wall is in operative position, and

an additional support element projecting from the partitioning support wall at another height with respect to the additional connecting element~~[[,]], the additional connecting and support elements being respectively like the connecting and support elements already made in the partitioning wall but projecting on a face of the partitioning wall opposite to a side on which the connecting and support elements already made in the partitioning wall project~~

22. (Currently Amended) The partitioning system according to claim 21, wherein the connecting elements of the partitioning support wall extend successively one above the other, and the support elements of the partitioning support wall extend successively one above the other.

23. (Currently Amended) The partitioning system according to claim 22, wherein the connecting and support elements of the partitioning support wall comprise longitudinal extrusions made in the partitioning wall and projecting on respective sides thereof, the retaining channels being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of the connecting elements, the guiding slots of the support elements being made in and extending crosswise to the extrusions of the support elements.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) The partitioning system according to claim 13, wherein the partitioning wall has a label holding flange slantingly projecting from a top end of the partitioning wall.

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